

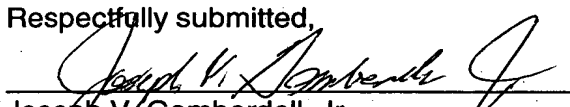
IV. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-12 remain in the application. Claims 13-17 are new.
2. The claims have been amended to comply with US practice and to clarify the features of the invention.
4. The specification has been amended to include a priority claim and a reference to prior art.
5. The Abstract has been amended to comply with US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present in the application are clearly novel and patentable, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

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